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## Notes from The Editor



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### CONSOLATION FOR THE TEMPTED AND TRIED

This is a nice and valuable little book of fifty-two pages compiled by Alda B. Harrison, editor of the Church of God Y. P. E. paper. She has prepared this book for the benefit of Bible students who have no money to put them thru school. Worthy students may order the book from her and sell them returning to her a stated amount to cover cost of publication. The net profit will be used to defray the expense of worthy students in the Bible School. This is a remarkable chance for students desiring to enter Bible School or to help others thru the school. For particulars write Alda B. Harrison, 504 W. Main St., Jonesboro, Tenn.

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### RUSSIA AND ATHEISM

According to Evangelist W. L. McGowan, "there are 150,000,000 slaves, and about 2,250,000 foremen and overseers in Russia. In their effort to exterminate religion churches have been locked up on the congregation inside, and the whole of them burned alive. Over 5,000 churches have been burned."

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### CASTING THE NET

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away," Matt. 13: 47, 48.

The kingdom of heaven is here spoken of as a net cast into the sea. The inference is that the kingdom of heaven as a net is cast into the sea or mass of mankind "and gathered of every kind." That is, the whole of mankind is caught in the grip of the net of the kingdom of

heaven. Those who comply with the gospel of the kingdom of heaven will be saved and acclaimed as "good." Those who disobey it and heed not its merciful call will be judged by its terms, Rom. 14: 10; Rom. 2: 16, who are in content found to be "bad" and are therefore cast away. The time of judgment will be when the net is "full" or at the end of the age, Matt. 25: 31; Rev. 20: 12-15.

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### THE ATHEISTIC VIEW

If the Atheists had their way they would entirely eliminate the good, and have only the bad. If the Christian had his way he would eliminate the bad and have only the good. The Atheistic way of elimination is by making the whole bad VS the Christian way of making the whole good. Because of the ferment of the human will with the evil, either effort is not entirely successful. The result is that a judgment is necessitated. The result of that judgment will effect a universal confession on the part of all sinful and atheistic creatures, that "Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father," Phil. 2: 11.

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## NOTICES

### QUESTION ANSWERED

Dear Brother Latimer:

Recently I received a letter from a young woman and lost it and do not want to disappoint her so I am answering it through the Evangel. Here is the

question she asked, "Is it right for young women to take part in the business of the Y. P. E. Some of the young men here insist that the Endeavor should be carried on like the church." I thought I would write you and let you answer it as I feel this is a question which should be answered by the proper authorities. —Alda B. Harrison.

In answering this question we feel sure that Paul's admonition that the women keep silence in the churches referred to the business meetings (conferences), since we remember that he asked the church to greet those women helpers who labored with him in the gospel. The whole tenor of the Bible is plain that women have a right to do evangelistic work and to aid in the general work of the church, but they are forbidden to take a part in the business of conferences. The Y. P. E. and its meetings are only devotional as they do not deal with questions of doctrine and the disfellowshipping of members or do general business of the church. The women would have a perfect right to hold any office in this Y. P. E. and take part in its worship and general work.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

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To the Church of God in Virginia: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I would greatly appreciate every church in the State raising a little offering for the orphan children to take to the Assembly and present to them. I do not wish to impose a hardship on any who wish to attend, but it could be made up among those who are not going to the Assembly, and friends, even if they are sinners. If each of the fifty churches would raise just one dollar and send by those who come, or direct to me to put in a budget (Continued on page 7)

## THE OCTAGON COUPON DRIVE

To all those who are concerned, we have set our goal on the Coupon Drive, as the posters in each local church show, at 250,000 coupons by the last of October. I wish to extend this drive to Dec. 22. We can derive great benefit from these coupons for the support of the Orphanage and we earnestly ask all of our workers to collect all the coupons from Octagon soap and Borden's milk they can in the towns and communities where they live and mail them to us at once. Now we can raise the 250,000 if we try. I was surprised when the bookkeeper told me that we had possibly 15,000 coupons. All those who love the Orphanage work will do us a great favor to send in all the coupons you can collect between now and Dec. 22, 1933.

"To all those who are collecting coupons for Borden's milk: Borden's Evaporated Milk, labeled St. Charles Brand, is of no value. This has a golden cow on the label. The label with the silver cow has a value and we will be glad to receive them."

Looking forward to a pleasant and hearty cooperation among all those who are interested in the Orphanage work, I remain yours very truly, S. W. Latimer, Chairman of Orphanage Committee.



## Preparedness

By Mrs. G. N. PECK

**I** AM sure every Bible student realizes we are living in perilous times; i. e., dangerous times, and our lives, both physically and spiritually, are exposed to risk or danger. Not only we American people see and feel this awful depression or crisis that is upon us (just now the wolf is howling at millions of our doors and death by starvation is staring thousands of innocent and helpless children in the face), but all nations are being weighed in the balances of God, and so many are in a far more deplorable condition than we.

Our great college professors, scientists, historians, etc. are no doubt spending sleepless nights trying to solve some plan whereby the lives of our people may be saved from the peril of starvation. The scientists of Columbia University, after twelve years of study and research, think they have solved the problem and are offering to our American people that which will appeal to millions as a wonderful plan. Oh, let us take heed, watch and pray, that we enter not into temptation. He that seeketh to save his life shall lose it, but he that loseth his life, (not only the carnal, sinful life, but the physical life as well if needs be), shall find life everlasting.

While the great men of the world are offering us their prepared plans to save and preserve the natural life and body, our Heavenly Father has prepared a plan, if diligently followed, will save and preserve both body and soul. This plan was prepared even before the foundation of the world, because He saw a finished work before this earth was made ready for the habitation of man. Jesus came with His feet shod with this preparation of the gospel, which even John the Baptist was not worthy to bear or unloose.

Most all Christians will agree that Jesus is to come back to this earth the second time to sit on the throne of His Father David. He, with His overcoming saints are to rule this earth as with a rod of iron. This same Jesus which is taken up into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go in-

to heaven, Acts 1:11. Some beheld His going away. The eagle saints will behold His coming back as lightning out of the east that shineth unto the west. Matt. 24:27. Paul says, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto him," 2 Thess. 2:1. So where the carcass (Jesus) is the overcoming saints will be gathered. Many can see the signs and tell you they think Jesus will come soon but they do not seem to see or feel the need of any special preparation to be able to meet Him in the air.

Let us notice a few passages of the Word showing the awful condition of the church in the last days. Paul's letter to Timothy, 2 Tim. 3:1-5. This know that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves (not God), covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of them that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. Rev. 3:15, 16, I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot, so then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue you out of my mouth.

Dear reader, let us examine our ourselves and see if we be in the faith once delivered to the saints. If we find we are in a lukewarm state, just having an outward form and have been denying the power of God, let us take heed to Paul's admonition to the Corinthian brethren—"Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God; I speak to your shame," 1 Cor. 15:14. Also in Eph. 5:14, Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. They who live in pleasure are dead while they so live. If we love the world and things of the world, the love of God is not in our hearts. God has not appointed His children unto wrath, so awake,

awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, for the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness, Rom. 1:17.

Should He come today would He not find the majority of those who are called in His name as far from keeping the law of love and liberty as the scribes and Pharisees who claimed to be keeping the law of Moses. They had a form of godliness and lip service but their hearts were far from God, therefore they were not ready to receive their Redeemer. Did He not know their condition and give them a time of preparation, sending His messenger before His face to prepare them for His coming? Yes, He sent to them John the Baptist in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17. The baptism of John was from heaven, that Israel might be made manifest to God. He said, I baptize with water unto repentance but he that cometh after me is mightier than I whose shoes I am not worthy to bear. He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire. Matt. 3:11. And all that heard him, and the publicans justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized by John. Luke 7:28, 29.

The leaders of Israel failed to take heed to God's messenger who came to them in the spirit and power of Elias, which was the power of the Holy Ghost, for Elias was just a man of like passion as we are, you can plainly see they failed to take advantage of the time of preparation and were not ready to receive, and rejected Jesus when He came.

Oh, Jesus dearly loved His own people according to the flesh and with a broken heart He wept over Jerusalem, saying, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered you together as a hen her brood, but ye would not." He tells them



their house is left unto them desolate and they shall not see Him any more until they see Him coming in the clouds of heaven. How sad! If they had only taken heed to John and received the necessary preparation! Dear ones, it is dangerous to fail to walk in the light as it is shed on our pathway. Oh, let us take warning of their failure of preparedness to meet and receive Jesus at His first coming, lest we also fail to be prepared to meet Him when He comes as a thief in the night.

Does the Word of God plainly show that there is to be a time of preparation before His second coming and will He also send unto us messengers in the spirit and power of Elias? Do you know of any time or place where God ever poured out His awful wrath or judgments upon the world without first warning His own people thru messengers or watchmen, to flee the wrath to come? If He has been mindful to warn His own dear people in other dispensations, surely He will not fail to send messengers to warn the Gentile church, which is to be the bride of His only begotten Son, that she might be prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Let us consider a few passages of God's Word. Dear reader, be as honest as you shall be when you are called upon to stand before the judgment bar of God to give an account of the deeds done in the body. If we hold back the truth in unrighteousness, the wrath of God shall be poured out upon us. If we add to or take from God's Word the plagues will be added unto us and our part taken out of the holy city.

First, read Nahum 2:3, 4 and you shall see that the old prophet was permitted to look down the stream of time to our day and see the modern chariots or our automobiles with flaming torches jostling one against another in the broad ways, and too, he said the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. When, Nahum? In the time of the preparation of the Lord. We know the chariots in John's day of preparation do not fill this description. How long have we had automobiles? Thirty-three years ago as I walked down Michigan Ave. in Chicago I saw two. Today if you should walk down the same broad way they would be jostling one against another. So we find the time of preparation of the Gentile church would be in the day of our automobile.

Where does He say He will send unto us Elias or messengers endued with the power of the Holy Ghost? Read Matt. 16:27, 28. Jesus tells His disciples the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels. Verily I say unto you, There shall be some standing here which shall not taste of death until they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. This certainly must have reference to His second coming. He taketh Peter, James and John and showeth them the majesty and power of his coming in vision. 2 Peter 1:16. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming (second) of our Lord Je-

sus Christ, but were eye witnesses of His majesty. This proves that His second coming was shown to these three in vision. Jesus charged them not to tell the vision to any man until after He had risen from the dead. His disciples having in mind this wonderful kingdom of peace, asked Him, saying, "Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall (future tense) first come and restore all things, but I say unto you Elias is (present) come already and they knew him not." John the Baptist was dead at this time and could not restore them all things. Sanctification by the blood, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the gifts, fruits, etc. were not restored by John. His mission was to restore the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just and pointed them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world and whose feet were shod with the gospel.

A reference on "Elias shall come and restore all things," Acts 3:21, Whom (Jesus) the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets. Then according to Nahum, Jesus and Peter, there is to be a time of preparation and restoring of all things by messengers endued with power from on high as was John the Baptist who was filled with the Spirit from his birth. Yet he was humble enough to confess that he felt a need of Christ's baptism. Some may say that Peter meant the restoring of the Jews naturally. Sure, that is one of the all things because the prophets said they would be and they have been looking forward for hundreds of years to the fulfillment of this promise of God to the church. Peter writing to all who have obtained like precious faith with us (apostles), says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature," 2 Pet. 1:4. We ought to have a desire for the restoring of everything that is exceeding great and precious our heavenly Father has in store for us.

Let us notice at least one promise spoken of by the mouth of God's holy prophets. As the church of the living God is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, let us notice James 5:7. Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. According to James Jesus cannot come back until the church receives the latter rain or latter outpouring of God's Spirit which is the Holy Ghost. This is a gift or promise that Jesus himself obtained from the Father, and Peter said, "it is for you and your children and all that are afar off (Gentiles), and as many as the Lord our God shall call." No doubt in James and Paul's day many were looking and expecting Jesus to come any time but the apostles knew according to the Word of the prophets there would

be a drouth or falling away and a latter rain or restoring of all things.

Joel 2:25 says, "Be glad, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month." When the Holy Ghost was poured out on the day of Pentecost and they began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance, many mocking said, "These men are full of new wine." Peter told them, "These men are not drunken as ye suppose, but this is that spoken by the prophet Joel." This speaking in tongues and outward manifestation of the Spirit was the evidence that Joel's prophecy was fulfilled before their eyes, "therefore being by the right hand of God exalted and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear."

This truly is an exceeding great promise. Let us fear lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4:1. Read Jer. 5:24; Hosea 6:3; Deut. 11:14. Zech. 10:1 says, Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, to every one grass. We are living in the time of the latter rain now, and we are commanded to ask for the Holy Ghost. The refreshing showers of God's Spirit are to the soul just what natural rain is to the grass and fruits of the field. If you are a real child of God and are thirsting after more of His righteousness, don't be afraid to ask Him for the good things He has for you. Luke 11:13. If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead and is called the anointing in some places as oil is a type of the Holy Spirit. 1 John 2:27. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you and ye need not that any man teach you, but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things and is no lie and even as it taught you, ye shall abide in him. Remember the foolish virgins did not have the oil in their vessels with their lamps and were not prepared to go in to the marriage supper. One may ask, What shall I do to receive this promise? If you have met Jesus at the cross and have had His prayer answered (John 17), let him tell you, But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem (upper room) until ye be endued with power from on high. They were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Luke 49:53. These all continue with one accord in prayer and supplication. Another might say, How long should I tarry and how would I know? You can know the same way the first Gentiles knew. Peter and the Jews who came with him over to the house of Cornelius were astonished because that on the Gentiles was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, for they heard them

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# The Great Assembly of The Church of God

By S. W. LATIMER, Gen. Overseer

The 28th Annual Assembly of the Church of God will convene at the Auditorium in Cleveland, Tenn. Oct. 7-13. We feel sure that this will be the greatest Assembly in all the history of the Church of God. In my travels throughout the United States I have found the greatest unity prevailing this year of any previous year. The work has gone by leaps and bounds. It seems that our people are forgetting those days of confusion and trouble and have turned all their might to the Lord for more power and blessings. They have entered into this year with full assurance of God's presence and power to aid them in the salvation of the lost.

We are receiving letters from many people over the States stating that they are planning to come to the Assembly. Some have already left their places of labor and are visiting friends in different states, just waiting for that happy day to come when we can meet together at the place appointed for the Assembly, and mix and mingle our voices in testimony and song for the praises and honor of God and His dear Son.

We have placed the Assembly a little earlier this year in order to strike what is known in the South as Indian summer.

It will be just cool enough to be pleasant and will make it possible for camping for those who wish to take advantage of living cheap while attending this great feast.

We are expecting a few thousand more this year in attendance than have been attending in the past. Come every one and enjoy this great feast from the Lord and the refreshing from His presence. Remember that this is not a delegated body but any one who wishes to attend may attend. All those who are members have a right to take part in the business session of this great Assembly.

As the years go by our love and fellowship is deepening and we can feel the effects of the divine influence and power throughout all the churches of the United States. This international gathering is of vast importance to the Church and the promotion of its membership. The Church could not properly exist and regulate its strict Bible government without having a headquarters to which we could gather once a year for the reading of the Word and for passing such rules and regulations as God's Word may provide for the promotion and controlling of the local churches, hence, we urge as many of our members to attend as possible.

We wish to say to those who are not fortunate enough to get to come, we'll be glad to receive letters and telegrams from you, expressing your wishes and interest in this great Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth of the body of His dear Son who shall soon appear in the clouds of heaven to take from this earth those who are ready to meet Him and to resurrect the righteous dead and there gather us all in the clouds of glory to be kept from the trials and persecutions that are awaiting those who are not faithful to our Lord and His Christ. I am sending this invitation to every lover of truth and expect to see many of your bright, happy faces at the Auditorium, Cleveland, Tenn. on Oct. 7, 7:00 p. m.

## PRAYER DAY FOR THE ASSEMBLY

I wish to suggest that the entire Church in the United States, islands of the seas, and wherever the Church of God may be, pray on Sept. 27 for the success of the Assembly, that God may place His servants where He can use them best, that His grace and glory will be with us in this great feast, that all things may be done according to His will and that it may seem good to the Holy Ghost and us.

## LOOKING FOR GREATER THINGS FROM GOD

CINCINNATI, Ohio.—I want to sound a note of praise to our Eternal King for a wonderful revival which was started here by Sister Denney from Middletown, Ohio, May 14th continuing until June 4th. There were many good messages given out by Sister Denney under the anointing of the Holy Ghost to both saints and sinner. I truly believe she is a real God-called preacher who is not out for popularity, for she just preaches the truth concerning God's eternal plan of salvation, praise the Lord!

God blessed from the very beginning. Many messages were given in other tongues and interpreted. The revival closed with eight saved, sixteen sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and nine received into the church.

We are looking forward to greater things from God. There was some real material cut out in this revival. We believe that under the leadership of our worthy pastor, Brother Russell Huff, the church will continue to grow by leaps and bounds. The church here is proud of our pastor and his wife.

I ask the saints to pray for me that I will stay in the center of God's will and work for Jesus Christ according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.—A humble brother in Jesus, Flotus A.

Coffey.

## ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION

Friday, Aug. 25th the convention was opened with a general song service. We had concert prayer by the entire band of saints, after which we had a praise service conducted by the state overseer, Brother John McCullar. The power of God was in our midst in a great way. The welcome address was given by the pastor, Brother Percy Standfield. Responses to the welcome address were given by Brothers W. E. Wright and Hodo. We had prayer for healing by the congregation followed by a song. A talk was given by Brother John McCullar on "Come with Us and We Will Do Thee Good."

The service opened Friday afternoon with a general song service, and special prayer for the sick. Brother W. R. Bunch preached on "Holiness." Brother Franklin Young, pastor of Lepanto church, preached on "Baptism with the Holy Ghost." The entire program was in charge of the state overseer, Brother John McCullar. Friday night service opened with song service and a special song by the West Helena saints. Brother Martin preached for us on "Sanctification and its Effects."

The Saturday morning service opened with a song and praise service after

which Brother Lenly preached on "Church Government." In the afternoon service Brother W. E. Wright preached on "Fellowship." We then had the representation of the churches, West Helena, Lepanto, Marked Tree, and Walnut Ridge including other churches on the Southern district. The afternoon service opened with general song service, praise service and special songs by Brother L. G. Rouse and band consisting of piano, violin, three guitars and ukulele. Brother Rouse preached for us on God's Financial Plan.

Sunday, Aug. 27th, Brother William Ledford preached on "Consecration." We then had representation of the other churches, Burdette, and Forrest City. Sunday afternoon Sister Watts preached on "Love for the Lost one." Sister Webster from Marked Tree then preached on "The City of God." We had prayer for the sick by L. G. Rouse. Sunday night service opened with songs and prayer by the entire congregation. Brother McCullar preached on "The Rapture and Who's Going."

Hundreds of people attended and all seemed to have a wonderful time and the Lord blessed wonderfully. It was the greatest convention Arkansas has ever had. Many were blessed. It was estimated that at least fifteen hundred people attended. Long will be remembered how the power fell in each service and how we rejoiced in the Lord.—Humbly, J. A. McCullar, overseer of Arkansas, Marked Tree, Ark., Rt. 1.

# Crime Spreading

By E. C. CLARK, Editor

"The National Council on crime says that crime costs the people of the United States \$13,000,000,000 a year; that every year an average of 12,000 persons are murdered, 3,000 kidnapped, 100,000 assaulted, 50,000 robbed and 40,000 homes burglarized."—Pathfinder.

## SPIRITISM ON INCREASE

**K** EITH L. BROOKS, Editor of *Prophecy*, states that a London paper says, "Spiritualism is now discussed at every dinner party and every luncheon party. People are not afraid to talk about it, for it is now recognized as a subject of permanent and important interest." The *Prophetic News* says, "Literally thousands of people took part in a huge procession through a Yorkshire town, on an occasion of demonstration of 'spiritualists'." "The words of Lady Conan Doyle that, 'The movement is spreading like a prairie fire,' appear to be true." "In Czechoslovakia one society alone has 300,000 members." International Events "carries an article stating that four out of every ten persons in the United States consult spiritualists and clairvoyants, attempting to pierce the veil of the future. New York City supports 25,000 fortune tellers who get away with \$25,000,000 annually. Chicago has an indexed file of 2,000 of these professed spirit-mediums, to say nothing of thousands more who claim to foretell the future by palmistry, cards or numerology. It is claimed that the American people are handing out \$125,000,000 a year to these people and that even governors and cabinet members sit at their feet. Statistics show that most of the patronage comes from the better educated classes." This I take to be a fulfillment of 1 Tim. 4:1 and is no less one of the stubborn, devilish elements that stand in the way of the progress of true Christianity. This unprecedented situation presents the minister with a new problem, with which he alone can deal by being able to "cast out devils."

## THE ORIGINAL FALL

When we refer to the "Original Fall" we mean that of Satan, mentioned in Isa. 14:13, 14, characterized as "I will;" what is therefore a logical interpretation of the manner of the fall, was that it was first a fall into "selfishness," setting up the will of the creature against that of the Creator, causing an independent idea and manner of doing things other than as God had commanded. This we know as division. The fall thus mentioned, was the fall of the creature out of divine life into a devilish and self-life. However, Satan continues to exist as a powerful fallen spiritual creature, functioning only with evil intents.

## THE FALL OF ADAM

Was after the same order—by obeying Satan and setting up his own will instead

of obeying God. The creation therefore exists as a natural and sinful creation dominated by Satanic influences.

## THE FALL OF THE CHURCH

Was after the same order. It fell from its once powerful and Spirit-filled life, wherein it was risen with Christ and blessed with "all spiritual blessings in the heavenlies;" to a selfish, carnal life, dominated over by Satanic influences instead of being unctionized and operated by the Holy Ghost. Such a fall is defined as a turning of the Church from the spiritual to the modernistic view. Such a fall is particularly the manifestation of the "self-will" instead of doing and co-operating with the Divine will. Ministers and Christians first fall from their divine relationship with God, into the human conception of divine things; which results in them interpreting God's Word by the sagacities of the human instead of by revelation and spiritual discernment. The result is human philosophy, human religion, modernism.

## SPIRITUALISM THE NEXT STAGE

Christians who fall from the Divine life to the human life, will next be controlled by seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Men cannot remain as mere humans; they must be filled with the Divine Spirit or Satan will dominate them (Eph. 2:2). Humanism and human religion is the middle ground between the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ and becoming servants of Satan. Spiritualism is brought about by the secret operation of the devil and evil and lying spirits. The denial of the incarnation of Jesus Christ paves the way for the acceptance of the latter. The reason therefore why spiritualism and consultation of the clairvoyants is on the increase is because of the apostasy or fall of the Christian Church from its proper place within Christ. A denial of the incarnation from the upper world, results in both clergy and laity being deceived by Satan; humanism will then be manifested in all affairs but humanism is man self-styled, deceived, and controlled by Satan. We are entering upon a stage of advanced activities of Satan in spiritualism. The Bible tells us in 2 Thess. 2:7-10, that "the mystery of iniquity doth already work" and that preceding Christ's coming Satan will work "with all power and signs and lying wonders" and "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish."

## SATAN'S LAST STROKE

Is now being made at the creation of mankind. The stage is now in rapid dramatic movement, which is indicative of the fact that Satan will soon bring forth the Antichrist to rule the nations. Rev. 13:7. With the Antichrist will be associated the beast out of the earth, which will work "lying wonders and miracles" whereby he will deceive mankind and

will cause them to worship the beast. Rev. 13:12, 13. Those who worship the beast, at the same time worship the Dragon who gave him his seat, Rev. 13:4, 15. The host includes the world politician, deceived clergy, laity, and whosoever "love not the truth" but who "believe a lie" and "had pleasure in unrighteousness."

## SOUL-STIRRING MESSAGE FOOD TO OUR SOULS

I praise the Lord for saving my soul from sin, sanctifying me with His own blood and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire, thank the Lord. I praise His name for the way He heals my body when I get sick. I had pellagra seven years, the doctor said I wouldn't live two months, but the Lord healed me in 1910, thank and praise His dear name. I thank the Lord because I belong to the great Church of God. I love it with my whole heart. I love its teachings.

I praise the dear Lord for our dear pastor and his family. They have been a blessing to Columbia. Brother Looney is a real God-called man. He surely does work for the Lord and the church loves him. Our Sunday School is just fine. We had a Sunday School convention the last Sunday in June and the Lord was there in mighty power. The program surely was fine. Our state overseer gave us a good soul-stirring message. It was food to our souls. I want all who read this to pray for me to be humble.—A sister, in Christ, Ida Leslie, 318 Whaley St., Columbia, S. C.

## WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE

We praise the Lord for the wonderful way He is blessing the Church of God in this district and other places this year. Surely He is worthy of all praise. We are so glad because His great hand has been over us this year and helped us to be in His will. He smiled upon us with His great presence last night and gave us a wonderful service as we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. God is still blessing the Church here in Big Spring. A few nights ago there were five more added to the church.

The Lord has given us a new church in this district this year. Saturday night we organized a church with twenty members at Colorado, Tex. We hope to have several more members before the year is out as there is such a good interest over there.

Brother Foshee and wife are at San Angelo, Tex. in a revival. I ask the saints to pray that God will give us a church there. We believe God will bless Brother and Sister Foshee in their work as they are sacrificing their lives for Him. Remember us in your prayer, we want to be ready when Jesus comes.—A brother in Christ, B. A. Ratchford, Big Spring, Tex.



## NOTICES

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form and give as a present from the Church of God in Virginia, giving the name of each church or individual and the pastor of your church, I think such an offering would be well pleasing to God and also an honor to the Church of God in Virginia. Of course if the offering is more than one dollar, it will be thankfully received. Thanking you in advance, I remain faithfully yours, Laud L. Vaught, Overseer of Virginia.

The Church of God at Anderson, S. C. will have mission rally Sept. 17 with Brother W. E. Raney from the Bahamas in charge. We are expecting Brothers W. D. Childers, J. C. Childers, and Zeno Tharp and his music. We are to be favored with having No. 2 quartet with us. All churches near are invited to come and bring a well filled basket as we are to have basket dinner. Come and let's feast together.—Your brother, Geo. W. Cooper, pastor.

To the churches in Alabama: In accordance with the advice of the Assembly, I herewith authorize you to decide on your preference as to your pastor for another year. Conferences in which pastors are called are to be presided over by the district overseers or district overseers may direct using the method they think best in their respective districts. Send your requests for said pastors direct to me at Box 75, Pratt City, Ala.—State Overseer of Alabama, W. W. Harmon.

I feel impressed to write to the Evangel and make an appeal to help Brother R. P. Johnson financially as I am sure most of the Georgia people have already heard of their accident. I am sure we are all in sympathy with them, and let's show our sympathy by each church putting forth an effort to get a nice offering and send to them just as soon as possible. The Bible says, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" 1 John 3:17. Now let's help them all we can. I know God will bless us for all we do. Brother Johnson didn't tell me to do this, I was in a service where we were having the Lord's Supper and feet washing last Sunday night and the Lord impressed me to do this. I am sure it was the Lord who spoke to me so plainly to do this. Georgia people, get busy and do your best. I hope each pastor will take an offering at his church and send it to Brother Johnson, and don't forget to have special prayer for the healing of their bodies. May God bless you all.—Yours in the Master's service, Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

The Church of God at Branford, Fla. wishes to know the whereabouts of Sisters Mollie Jones, Ira Phillips, Clifford Sumner, Pearl Koon, Ruby Sumner, and

Brother Ben Phillips. If not heard from by Sept. 30, 1933 their names will be dropped from the roll.—E. E. Coleman, pastor; J. O. Robinson, clerk.

WANTED:—Unsoiled copies of the Church of God Evangel sent free, postpaid, to Frank Jeffers, 1135 N. Wisconsin St., Racine, Wis. for free house to house distribution in Racine, Wis.—Signed, Frank Jeffers.

I am a girl twenty-three years of age and I desire a home with some of the saints somewhere. Please pray for me.—Mae Swinford, 352 Hurst St., Huntsville, Ala., Lincoln Mill Village.

If we can get as many as twenty passengers to make the trip, we will run a truck to the Assembly and return to Catlettsburg, Ky. for \$4.00 round trip fare. Any one in the vicinity of Catlettsburg or enroute to Cleveland, desiring to make this trip, notify the undersigned as soon as possible. The truck will be comfortably equipped, with a good steady driver at the wheel.—W. G. Lighte, clerk.

To all the churches and ministers of Alabama: For sometime the financial welfare of our state overseer has been on my heart. We all know this has been another hard year financially and it has been hard on our state overseer as well as on us, so I have a plan that I believe God will be pleased with. I heard Brother Harmon say some five or six months ago that his expense had run about fourteen dollars over the amount the state had paid him. If it has run that much each month since then it will amount to between seventy and eighty-five dollars. Let each church take a special offering for him. Let's do our best to send not less than a dollar. This will apply to evangelists or any individuals in the state who would like to help, and it will be appreciated. Be sure and send your offering in by Sept. 30. You may send it to Brother Leland Burroughs, pastor of Pratt City church. He will give it to Bro. Harmon. Be sure to state what the offering is for when you send it. Brother Burroughs' address is 716 1st St., Pratt City, Ala. Hoping this will meet your approval I am your brother, W. J. Shoemaker, 118 Wellington St., Bessemer, Ala., pastor of Jonesboro church.

Those desiring to go to the Assembly from south Missouri, west Tennessee, or Arkansas may get in touch with me at Quitman, Ark.—L. L. Milam.

The Church of God at Charlotte, N. C. will have home coming Sept. 17, D. V. We will have all day meeting and dinner will be served on the church ground. Every member is requested to come and bring a large filled basket, also \$1.00 to apply on the church fund. All the nearby churches are requested to be with us. Everybody that can, come. There will be string music, special singing, and messages by Holy Ghost filled ministers. We

are expecting our state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, to be present, also some visiting preachers from other churches. Come over and enjoy yourself in a day of good things from God. Remember we will be looking for you.—W. T. Nelson, pastor.

To the Church of God in Virginia: This Assembly year is fast closing and having found our method of selecting pastors very satisfactory, I recommend the same plan again this year—that the Board of Deacons or clerk or some one designated by the church, call a meeting, preferably on Monday night, Sept. 18, or if less expensive it may be called on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17, and each local tithe paying member sign on a slip of paper the name of the minister you wish for pastor. You may also designate a second choice. Then sign your name on the other side of the paper. Do this in the fear of God without respect of persons, but after praying carefully about the matter select the one you feel God can use best to upbuild the church. Mail these next day to Laud L. Vaught, Oakville, W. Va. Every member should take a part but mark on your slip of paper whether or not you pay tithes or in what way you help to support the ministry. If you do nothing to support it, you should be easy pleased. Let us be faithful to the last minute, that God may say to us, Well done. Every one who can, please attend the General Assembly and see that your minister attends. Pray that God's will will be done there.—Faithfully, Laud L. Vaught, overseer of Virginia.

We are sure that the Evangel readers will be glad to know that we received a few lines from Brother R. P. Johnson this week stating that Sister Johnson is improving nicely and he is also improving, while slowly, yet enough to be encouraged. He asks that we continue to pray for them.

### SPECIAL

BARNARDS, Ky.—We began a revival here Aug. 21 with our state overseer, J. C. Jernigan, in charge. It surely was a time of victory. Nineteen were saved, one received the Holy Ghost, seven were baptized in water, and one came into the church. Brother Jernigan did some wonderful preaching and was loved by all. We had the cooperation of all the people and the church was wonderfully helped. I can't tell how great the meeting was.—Mary Thomas, Nancy, Ky.

### NOTICE TO CLERKS

Quite a few of the clerks have already mailed their Annual Reports to us. We trust that all who have not done so will have them in our office before September 25th. We thank you for your cooperation. General Secretary.

## SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn.—I thank God for a wonderful good old-time revival that broke out here in Graysville. We gathered for our regular services Sept. 3d and during a good testimony service the power of God fell and many were seized with conviction. There was an altar call given thru the Holy Ghost and nine fell in the altar. Four were saved and one sanctified, thank the good Lord. Many others are under conviction, and as long as the Lord leads the meeting will go on. Saints, please pray for the Church of God folks here. Pray for our pastor, Brother Joe Porter, that God will continue to bless him. He surely does preach the Word of God. Any one desiring to do something for the Lord will be gladly welcomed at Graysville. We are asking God for lost souls and I believe God is going to give us one of the greatest revivals at Graysville that ever has been. I am looking for signs to follow.—A humble brother, Fred Varnes, Rt. 5, Dayton, Tenn.

HARRIMAN, Tenn.—The revival in Harriman closed with twenty-three saved, nineteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen added to the church, and ten baptized in water.

We are going into a revival in Crab Orchard, Tenn., Sunday 18th. Please pray for this meeting.—B. O. Rosenbaum, evangelist.

PARIS, Tex.—We have just closed a four weeks' revival here at the Church of God. Brother Crow, being full of the Holy Ghost and on fire for God, conducted the meeting the first three weeks. Brother Kile, our true and faithful pastor, preached the last week. God blessed in a marvelous way. About fourteen were saved, several sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the Church. Paul said, "For the weapon of our warfare is not carnal but mighty thru Christ Jesus." We surely praise the Lord for the way He has worked here. Pray for the Paris church that it will rise and shine for Jesus.—Jennie Hoffman.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—We have just closed a most blessed revival here in the Church of God. If we make no mistake about thirty-two were saved, sixteen sanctified and fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost. A wonderful revival it was. Brother Eugene M. Bryant did the preaching. We baptized seventeen in water and added twenty-eight to the church. The fire is still burning. Since we closed the revival two others have been filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. I'm glad I ever saw the light on the Church of God. Brother John L. Stephens, our state overseer, is a blessed, good man of God and has meant a blessing to all the dear saints in our

city. We covet your prayers for the work here to go for God and His Church.—G. C. Smith, pastor.

CANTON, N. C.—The revival we closed here on August 13 was wonderful. The dear Lord surely blessed. Fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, a church set in order with five members and eleven came in afterwards. We closed with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord surely blessed. It was estimated that 1500 people were present and some said it looked more like old time religion than they had seen in forty or fifty years. We have purchased at lot on one of the best streets in Canton, and are planning to build at once. We organized a good Sunday School with eighty-one the first Sunday. On Aug. 27 we had one hundred and four present. We were assisted in the revival by Brother Garland Grooms and his wife as pianists, and Brother Swift leading singing. Their services were highly appreciated.—Your brother, J. H. Sexton.

ARCADIA, Fla.—The revival at Arcadia is now ending its eleventh week. It is increasing all the time in some respects. Fifty-one adults have been baptized in water, up toward that number have been baptized with the Holy Ghost and united with the church. All classes of people are being reached. The altar is full, the attendance getting larger, power falling, town stirred, devil raging, some people getting uneasy, and it may go on until the General Assembly, or longer. Amen.—B. L. Hicks.

We are now in a revival at Brownfield, Tex. with Brother John Sharp doing the preaching. His messages are soul stirring. Many are falling in the altar seeking God. People are beginning to realize that the coming of the Lord is nigh. Pray that many will find the Lord and prepare for the rapture, for surely it won't be long.—J. T. Campbell, pastor.

SALEM, Fla.—We began a revival at the Salem church nine miles west of Live Oak, Fla. Aug. 27. with the writer in charge. The Lord is blessing in a great way. We have fair attendance and good interest. We need your prayers. Any one wishing to attend will be welcome. The little band of saints are praying hard. They are true, sky-blue, heaven-born. Holy Ghost filled, Church of God members and we mean to go over for God. Pray for my body. I am weak but looking to God.—Your brother, B. G. Pomroy, Rt. 5, Box 166, Live Oak, Fla.

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—On Aug. 5 we secured Brother J. H. Griffin of Branford for a revival which lasted about three weeks. He surely preached the gospel un-

compromisingly and every message was inspiring, soul stirring and uplifting. I feel greatly encouraged over the meeting. This has been a place of strong opposition. I feel that the stronghold of Satan has been broken and the church fighters have their eyes open to the fact that serving God is a reality. I would not dare say how many were saved and blessed in this meeting. I can recommend Brother Griffin to any church or place that wants the gospel preached. Please pray for the work here as it is in its infancy yet, having been organized only one year.—Your brother, R. S. Morgan.

COTTONWOOD, Tex.—I praise the Lord for the revival just closed at Cottonwood, two miles west of Maxey, Tex. The Lord surely blessed. Brother O. L. Crow was in charge. He is a man of God and everybody welcomes him back. About fifteen were saved, five sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four came into the church, and nine were baptized in water. We thank the Lord for the meeting. Bro. J. C. Coats, our state overseer, came by and preached one night. Brother Kile and his band from Paris came out several nights and sang some good songs which were enjoyed by all. Brother Swint, our pastor, was there every night. We appreciate our pastor and want every one to pray for him. We ask that every one will pray for the church and Sunday School here that they will grow and God's will will be done.—A sister, Bertha Palmer, clerk.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—Results of the first week of our revival are: twenty-five saved, twenty-two sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve united with the church. The meeting is still getting better. Pray much for us. We have the largest crowds ever attended here.—G. C. Hamby.

CEDARTOWN, Ga.—We began a revival here Sunday night, Sept. 3. One soul was saved Sunday night and seven last night, also one was sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost. Pray for the meeting and for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mary Lynch.

PONCE DE LEON, Fla.—We are in a battle against sin over here near Westville. Brother Martin and the writer are in charge. We are having an old fashioned, holiness meeting. People are weeping their way to Calvary. Pray for us. Pray for the work in west Florida.—A sister in Jesus, Rebecca Alford.

ARKADELPHIA, Ala.—We have just closed a two weeks' meeting at Bethel church. Brother Raymond Taylor was in charge. We surely did have a fine time in the Lord. Many souls were blessed. I don't know exactly how many received the Holy Ghost. Twenty-eight followed the Lord in water baptism and seventeen were added to the church. Pray for us here.—J. L. Pugh, clerk.





## In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

### The True Missionary Spirit

By P. W. HADSOCK

For sometime I have been much concerned about the missionary effort of the Church. The information and good articles the Evangel carries each week are all good and right to the point. The faithful efforts of the pastors and churches to comply with the fixed regulations to raise mission funds are commendable. The willingness upon the part of the laity to give sacrificially cannot be criticized. But despite all these efforts there seems to be something lacking. From the information I have, it is a difficult matter to maintain the mission work the Church now has. It is a pull, pull, to raise mission funds. In the district and state conventions missionary giving seems to take second place. I think the thing lacking is "a true missionary spirit," that burning desire and ambition to reach, with the gospel, the unreached.

Christ's commission to His church was to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," "disciple all nations," yet nearly two thousand years after the giving of this commission we find a big per cent of all the Christian preachers and churches of the world crowded into a few favored countries, so crowded that our southland has an average of more than three Protestant churches to every one thousand of the population, while thousands of earth have never been told that the world's Redeemer has come.

The early Church had the true missionary spirit. The great Apostle Paul lived in this heavenly realm. In the fifteenth chapter of Romans he sums up a brief review of his more than twenty years' ministry in these words, "Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation." The Greek word for "strived" is more exactly rendered by Moffatt and other translators thus, "My ambition has always been to preach the gospel," etc. In 2nd Corinthians, 10th chapter, he states, "Not boasting of other men's labors, or in another man's line, of things made ready to our hand."

A fine church edifice with a large membership had no attraction for Paul. He didn't care to build on another man's foundation. His ambition was to reach the unreached.

I am thoroughly convinced that the church order or regime has much to do with the stimulation and activity of the true mission spirit. I have observed much in this connection in the last six years.

A stream will not rise higher than its fountainhead. The burden of the mission work must first be assumed by the ministry, and let me say here, that when the ministry possesses the true missionary spirit, the local churches will be alive to the missionary cause. The preacher must take the lead. His congregation will follow. There are certain privileges that rightly go with the ministry and to bar these intimidates and cripples the missionary zeal of any preacher. Here is where Bible order of both the ministry and laity plays such an important part.

There is a great danger of crystallization in church activities, the danger of becoming self-centered and self-satisfied over achievements attained. God's plan and program for His Church is to reach the unreached, to be ever reaching out after the lost of earth. To be void of this spirit clearly indicates declension, nothing more or less. A church that does not possess a true missionary spirit, regardless of past victories and success, will eventually lose her power and standing with God. He will not long tolerate a selfish, self-centered spirit in His ministers, either in His Church as a whole. To lose the spiritual interest of the church and the kingdom carries with it a curse and a blight that we little dream of. When the early church, under Constantine, climbed up into the seat of worldly prominence, it climbed down from its throne of spiritual power. Church life became poisoned by the worldly rewards of church preferment, with the result that spiritual life and growth withered. Wherever ministerial success becomes identified with worldly profit and prominence, the same poison is at work, and the same results appear, and where these results appear, whether we are aware of it or not, we can be assured that the cause exists. God does not rate the success of the church on the scale of the world. "By their fruits ye shall know them" is true in every sense of the word. The Parable of the Talents and the rewarding of those servants is a fair sample of God's way of rating success. The servant that had received one talent was self-centered. He didn't care for additional which could only be gained by activity and probably some sacrifice. I wonder if this selfish, self-centered, lazy servant represents a selfish, self-centered, lazy pastor of a church, who is happy that he and his faithful few are holding their own, paying off the church mortgage, etc., but can't give anything for

missions. What that pastor needs to do is wait before God and make a full consecration to Him till God can anoint him with the true missionary spirit, and it won't be long then till the entire church will be a flame of holy missionary zeal and may be some one of his parish will receive a call to some foreign field to carry the blessed truth of sweet deliverance there. But a thing like that could hardly happen as long as that church is headed by a selfish pastor.

Rev. E. W. Smith, Executive Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church in the United States, relates the following: "When I was a city pastor in Kentucky there was a man in that synod who was reaching the unreached in the Appalachian mountains in a most amazing way, planting in ten years 362 missionaries, fifty-six churches, schools, and mission houses, including three colleges and one orphan asylum, gathering 40,000 pupils into 879 Bible schools, himself raising the money for it, organizing it, administering it, building on no man's foundation, carrying Christ where He was scarcely named, and doing a work which in its courage and self-sacrifice, and in its difficulty, its magnitude, its far-reaching fruitfulness, its supply of pitiful and urgent need, was far beyond that of any pastor in our church, yet I found that this man in the popular estimation of what constitutes ministerial success was far outranked by pastors of prominent city churches, just as our greatest missionaries are similarly outranked."

A lack of proper recognition upon the part of church officials is conducive to discouragement in the missionary effort. God pity that church that pushes the pioneers of that institution into the rear and leaves their fate to chance. One outstanding characteristic of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the manifestation of the true missionary spirit and so long as He has full right-of-way missions is the watchword. There is something about the workings of the Holy Ghost that does not need legislative methods to perform service. The real baptism with the Holy Ghost enables one to see the real mission of Christ. God gave His Son, the son gave His life, and many missionaries have given their lives on the burning sands of some foreign desert land for the souls of the unsaved there.

The Son of God is building today His kingdom. The Holy Ghost is His representative, and what He needs are not men and women to star in the social, commercial, literary, or ecclesiastical firmament, not stars, but foundation stones, is what He wants, men and women who will turn their backs on what the world calls success, and will lay their lives down, "Hidden with Christ in God." The Savior said, "Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Before the fruit can come the seed must be buried. It is only as we as individuals and as a church die to self, to pride, to personal ambition, that in us and thru us and by us can God bring forth the

glorious missionary harvest—"souls redeemed."

Whether we labor at home or abroad, whether we occupy the pulpit or the pew, we must have the missionary spirit, for the missionary spirit is the Spirit of Christ. For a church to consider it the proper thing to make abundant provision for the needs of those already saved and comparatively small outlay for seeking and finding the lost ones, lavishing their chief thought and effort on the already reached, as long as the major portion of their thinking and planning and giving is thus absorbed on themselves, just so long will the miraculous and mighty power of God be withheld from such a church. Our sensitiveness to the cry of the unreached is the measure of our likeness to Christ. His was a life of service for others. Ours, when possessed with the true missionary spirit, will be a life of service for others.

## REQUESTS

I thank God for healing me of chills and fever. He also saved me of that awful tobacco demon, thank the Lord! Now I have an awful breaking out on my feet and legs so I ask all to pray for me to be healed.

I do thank God this morning for sparing me and blessing my home like He has. I know the Lord saved me but I failed to obey God as I should. I want all who read this to pray for me that I will obey God and do His will.—C. E. Rizer, Foley, Fla.

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T. L. Willix of Andrews, N. C. is running a revival at Tellico Plains, Tenn. He requests prayer for this revival that it will be a success and that many souls will be won for Christ.

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I want you to pray for the Church of God at Lake Wales, Fla. We need your prayers that God will save many souls. Some are coming to the altar. Some have been saved and sanctified and are seeking the Holy Ghost. We are to begin a revival next week with Brother and Sister King in charge. Please pray for Sister Long who has a bad foot. We don't know what is the matter but please pray for her healing. She is trusting God. Pray that my brother and his wife will be saved. We have a fine pastor, Brother Leroy Alderman.—A sister, Ila Belle Kelley, Lake Wales, Fla.

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Pray for a revival at Philadelphia, Tenn., that God will give a church there.—R. C. Stafford and wife, evangelist.

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Dear saints, if any one ever needed prayer I do. I ask every child of God to pray for my wife to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that our home will become a happy home of prayer where God is worshipped and honored, that our children might be brought up to serve the Lord.—C. E. Loftis, 100 South Poplar St., Kannapolis, N. C.

I want every one to pray a special prayer for me. The devil slipped in my home and broke it up but I mean to be true and am willing to give up everything for God.—A brother in Christ, Norman Knight, Rt. 1, Box 72, Thomasville, Ala.

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Please pray for me that I may get the Holy Ghost before it is too late. I am a mother of three children. The oldest are backsliden. Pray that they will be reclaimed before it is too late. Pray a special prayer for my husband. He is cold and indifferent. I would be one happy person if he would get the blessing. We have no church near us. We are planning on a meeting soon and I want the saints to pray that we will have a good meeting. Although we are limited in many ways, by the help of the Lord we will make it some way. I have an aged father and mother who are both afflicted. My father has cancers and my mother has rheumatism and skin trouble. Pray that they may be healed and their hearts will be touched and tendered and they will be saved. Pray for my seven brothers and three sisters to get saved.—You: sister, Francis Hutto, Rt. 1, Coffeetown, Ala.

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I request that everybody pray a special prayer for the healing of my baby. He is in a bad condition and has been sick all summer.—Mrs. Lizzie Webb, 193 Covington St., Marietta, Ga.

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Please pray for me as neuritis has left my left arm helpless and it is still sore and has grown smaller than the other one.—A coworker in the Church of God, Naoma Rogers, Nettleton, Ark.

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I request that the saints everywhere pray for the healing of my body. I have suffered with neuralgia all my life. I have been trusting the Lord with both

soul and body for almost nine years. Please pray that the Lord will heal me.—A brother in Christ, Jack Palk.

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## HAVE REAL VICTORY IN JESUS' NAME

IRONDALE, Ohio.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise God this beautiful day for His wonderful mercies and great love for the dying world. I know He is real and is still on the giving hand, praise His good name. Oh it's so sweet to trust in Jesus for He surely is blessing people here in this vicinity. We have a nice little hall here at Irondale. The church has been going on for quite a while with Brother Grubbs as pastor. He is a wonderful man and is doing his bit for God. All the members of the Church of God here love him and his family. Please pray for God to be with us and help us in our little church.

We have real victory in Jesus' dear name. I know I could never praise Him enough for what He means to me and my family and loved ones. There are seven of my children who have received the Baptism of the precious Holy Ghost. My husband makes eight. I haven't received the wonderful blessing yet, but I am still praying and waiting on God. There are six of us who belong to the dear Savior's cause and we belong to the Church of God. Pray that the others will come in and for souls in Irondale to be saved.

We have two dear girls who are on Prince Edward Island, Canada, with my daughter and her husband, Brother and Sister Beard. Pray much for them as they have gone through lots of hardships this past winter to hold the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ high to this lost and dying world. Pray for me.—A sister under the precious blood, Mrs. Cora Hackney.

## TIME TO ORDER YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

It is now time to order Sunday School literature for the last quarter. Please order early so that you will have your literature for the first Sunday in the quarter. Do not forget to order plenty of supplies if you expect to make your school grow, as nothing so hampers a Sunday School as a shortage of literature; it also saves embarrassment from not having enough to pass a new comer a quarterly or leaflet. This will be the Christmas quarter and generally it is much larger than the preceding one.

Please send cash with order if at all possible, as it saves us much time and labor here in the office.

The Teacher's Quarterly will also be ready. It will contain about 100 pages and some new and added features. Many teachers have expressed their high appreciation of this work, and what it is to others it will be to you. Do not overlook the fact that this publication should have your cooperation and support, as it is a badly needed feature in the Sunday School. It should be used generally throughout the Sunday School both from the point of helpfulness and also as a means of making it pay for its publication, to insure its continued publication.—Editor.

## Preparedness

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speak with tongues and magnify God. Acts 10.

Jesus told His disciples when the Comforter is come He shall testify of me and ye also shall bear witness. John 15:26. Isaiah, prophesying of the promise of the Holy Spirit, said, With stammering lips and another tongue will I speak unto this people. To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear. Isa. 28:11-13. Jesus tells us not only of a given rest but a found rest also. Matt. 5:14, 15. We receive this found rest by getting yoked with Jesus and following on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former unto the earth. Oh, when we reach this wonderful place of rest we can exclaim with Paul, I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live. It is no longer I but Christ that liveth within me. We cease from our strivings and strugglings of dead works because our desire is to be led by the Comforter who has promised to lead and guide us in all truth.

Since the latter outpouring of the Spirit He has been restoring the nine gifts or talents to the Church. God set the gifts in the Church, not Paul. Of all sad things the saddest to me is that so many Pentecostal people have failed to obey the Word given by Paul in Col. 3:14. Above all things put on charity which is the bond of perfectness. Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts. If we follow after charity and stay in God's hands until He tempers us, then the tempered metals will give forth a silvery sound and not one of brass, then the signs and gifts will follow us. As a result of not letting God temper us, that there should be no division in the body, reproach, division, etc. have followed us, but we know that the Word hasn't changed. Jesus taught when the gospel net was cast both good and bad would be drawn in, also the enemy would sow tares among the good seed. This is just as true with the Pentecostal net as with the Baptist, Methodist or even the first net which drew in a Judas. The false are still creeping in unawares to spy out our liberty, and because this sad condition exists many honest people are afraid to seek their Pentecost.

There is no one who could have a greater fear than I had some years before Pentecost came to Imboden. God laid His hand on me rebuking me sharply and showing me if I would not receive a love of the truth that I might be saved He would send a delusion on me and I would believe a lie and be judged. Then and there was my will broken and I promised God if He would let me know the truth I would stand for it though it cost my loved ones, friends, and even my life. I began studying God's Word to know the real truth, promising Him I

would go without the camp and bear His reproach and be a Baptist, Methodist, or anything, just so He would let me know the truth. So when God's handmaids came here preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I knew it was the truth, but there were so many hard things said about them and the way, I was afraid to seek the blessing and afraid not to, so an awful fear took possession of me, but when Luke 11:9-13 was made as real as life to me, all fear left and I wasn't afraid to trust my heavenly Father for the good things He had in store for me. God is able to keep that which we commit unto Him. Praise His dear name! For the last sixteen years He has been my great Physician for both soul and body. I have proved Him over and over and found His promises true. He that is willing to do the will of God shall know of His doctrine. Oh, I am so glad He made me willing. I truly believe that seeking and receiving the latter rain or baptism of the Holy Ghost will mean to the Gentile church just what God intended the baptism of John to mean for Israel—preparedness to meet Jesus. Lord help us not to reject the counsel of God against ourselves as did they.

I saw a vision in a dream a few weeks ago that troubled me and I cannot forget it. Some may laugh and say, "I don't believe in dreams." Prov. 29:18, Where there is no vision the people perish. Joel said, Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions. God has always warned His people by dreams but as the devil imitates everything God does, he no doubt gives dreams and visions also, therefore it is absolutely necessary for us to measure every dream, vision, voice or impression by the Word of God for many wicked spirits are gone out into the world. The Spirit and Word must agree. It is dangerous to receive any dream, vision, etc. that is not in harmony with the written Word. Joseph and Pharaoh, moved by a dream God gave Pharaoh, made a great preparation by storing up food during the seven years of plenty, and not only were the lives of the Egyptians saved and preserved, but God thru Joseph preserved a posterity of Israel in the earth and saved their lives by a great deliverance. Dear ones, there is an awful tribulation to come upon this earth. Who knows but what this world-wide depression is leading up to it? I saw in my dream not only what I think represents the awful tribulation, Antichrist and soon coming of Jesus, but was shown I was not carrying the gospel of peace but passing house after house without giving any warning. As I am confined at home I am taking this means of visiting each home in Imboden. Weigh this Bible message by the light of God's Word. I am seeking to deliver my own soul and help as many as possible. There is a blessing for those who are giving out the meat of the gospel when Jesus returns.

If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it.—Jn. 14:14.

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## ❖ Sunday School Lesson ❖

### Lesson 13—September 24 REVIEW. SOME EARLY LEADERS OF ISRAEL

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:56-61.

Memory Verse: Ex. 24:7b.

Golden Text: Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.—Eph. 6:10.

Leading Thought: The godly acts of great men and women never die.

#### THE LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

1 Kings 8:56-61

#### WHAT MAKES A GREAT LEADER

V. 56. "Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel." This rest does not alone include safety from invading foes, but likewise rest of conscience, that His people may have rest. Israel as a nation was dwelling in peace. "According to all that he promised." Rest from Israel's enemies and rest for a public confession from sin can come alone thru the promises of God, Deut. 3:20; 12:9, 10; Lord Jesus Himself that Matt. 11:28. Immediately following God's promise to give rest to Israel it is stated in verse eleven, Deut. 12, that "there shall be a place for the sacrifice," and it is the protection of the atonement which actually gives rest. "There hath not failed one word of all His good promise." The only thing that is impossible with God is to lie; all His promises are made in faith and may equally be obtained thru faith. "Which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant," Lev. 26:3-13; Deut. 28:1-14. Solomon lays claim to a complete fulfillment on the part of God concerning all His promises, Josh. 21:45.

V. 57. "The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers." Let Him not leave us nor forsake us. Like as God had fulfilled all His promises made to Israel in times past, Solomon now petitions that they may be continued to Israel in the future. God had promised in Deut. 31:6, 8; Josh. 1:5, that He would not forsake Israel. The presence of God is the source of all help and happiness.

V. 58. "That we may incline our hearts unto him." Ps. 119:26; Psa. 141:4. Only as we are taught God's ways and as our hearts are inclined favorably toward God will we find it possible "to walk in all his ways." There was a vivid picture painted at this time, on Solomon's mind, of how God's promises might be fulfilled. "And to keep His commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments." These were given to test the obedience of Israel as a nation in the form of commandments, however, His statutes were given as the primary law and means whereby understanding with regard to proper relation and dealings according to a fixed principle might exist one with another as appointed by God. It may be briefly summarized that the things which are or were to be are what God commanded, and the laws they were to enforce were those given by Jehovah, and judgments to

be decreed were not their own but those of the Lord. "Which he commanded our fathers." The method of God's dealing with Israel under the law and the covenant of Abrahamic promise would not vary with future generations from what it had in the past until the promised seed came.

V. 59. "And let these my words, where-with I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require." This prayer was prayed in faith and out of a heart that feared and loved God, which Solomon desired should remain with God as a fixed petition which God might always have in reference concerning the condition or troubles of Israel. Such prayers God does not forget and only our sins or iniquities may separate between God and us to hinder a fervent prayer from being constantly answered and fulfilled in our lives. We are taught of the Lord Jesus Himself that "what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them," Mark 11:24. In such cases there can be constant fulfillment of prayer in generations to come.

V. 60. "That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God, and that there is none else." This prayer broadens itself to include all peoples of the earth, whom Solomon desires to receive knowledge of the Lord thru the temple and its worship. See Isa. 2:2, 3. This prayer is remarkable in the sense of divine life which was in Solomon's life and it would seem that he understood the purpose of Israel among the nations at that time. Solomon in his prayer thinks of other nations that do not know the one true God and who are themselves worshipping idol gods. For this reason He petitions that they may know the Lord His God but that there is of God's commandments.

none else.

V. 61. "Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God." The ultimate aim of both Old and New Testament ministries was the perfection of God's people. Deut. 18:13 demanded that "thou shalt be perfect with the Lord." It follows in chapter thirty-four, verse four, that His work is perfect, 2 Sam. 22:31; Psa. 18:30, His way is perfect, followed in Psa. 19:7 which says that the law of the Lord is perfect, the ultimate aim of which was the development of a perfect man, Psa. 37:37. Jesus prayed as mentioned in St. John 17:23 that we be perfect in one. The Apostle Paul tells us in Eph. 4:13, speaking of the Church and its ministries, "till we come unto a perfect man." Only a perfect heart can remain in true devotion to the Lord. It would seem that this admonition given by Solomon was rather forgotten in after years as in 1 Kings 11:4 it is recorded that his heart was not perfect with the Lord His God. Thus the delinquencies which developed in the later years of Solomon's life were caused by a divided heart or lack of heart affection with God. We are warned by the Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 9:27 concerning heart perfection, "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast away." "To walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day." It is true that the spiritual life of the nation of Israel was well established and well guarded at the time of the dedication of the temple. It is certain, however, both with regard to Israel's failure and the short comings of the Church, that if we are to reach the goal of heart perfection with God, it can alone come by adhering not only to the doctrines of the atonement as fundamentals, but in actually applying them in our lives by faith as a means of heart cleansing and preparation, that we may be prepared to walk in His statutes and to keep His commandments, not that our religion is in keeping commandments, but that we are to be led of the Spirit. However, to refuse to obey the Spirit in its leadings would be equal to a violation of God's commandments.

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After Sister Helen Swanson who is in charge of the Church of God in Minot, so warmly welcomed us to the great feast, Sister Carrie Butler and Brother Logsdon expressed the gratitude felt by us all and Brother Logsdon's words, "It is good to be here," portrayed the sentiment of every one present. The message of the evening delivered by Brother J. H. Walker made us feel our need of a real burden for lost souls. Saturday morning we listened to a short talk by Brother Paul H. Walker on the progress of the church in this district. Our hearts were made to rejoice as Brother Latimer brought to us a report of the advancement in church work during the past year.

During the day we enjoyed the following messages: "An Urgent Message" by Brother Chas. Bowen, "The Christian's Hope" by Brother Brinsfield, "The Mission of Christ and the Last Vision" by Brother Newton Spurgeon, and "Unconquered Territories" by Brother Logsdon. The evening was given over to an evangelistic sermon by Brother J. H. Walker. This was a wonderful message and was followed by a good altar service.

Sunday at 9:00 a. m. services opened with song and prayer by Brother J. H. Walker. The morning sermon was delivered by Brother Latimer on "The Blessing of Sanctification." This service proved a source of information and a blessing to every one that attended. That afternoon Brother Paul Walker gave an inspiring message on "The Glossia and is it a Fallacy?" and the speaker for the evening was Brother J. H. Walker. The altar was packed with men and women praying to be filled with more of the blessings of God.

July 3rd did not prove a "blue Monday" to the saints for the Lord was with us in a wonderful manner throughout the day. Brother James Martin spoke to us on "The Price of a Haircut" and Sister Carrie Butler preached on the subject of "Floundering Comparisons." The German brethren were edified by Brother H. A. Saylor's sermon in their language, which was followed by short talks by Sister Rosen, Sister Fay Dyer, Brother Joseph Kistner. At 7:00 p. m. the meeting began with a stirring song service during which the power of God fell. During Sister E. M. Walker's sermon on "The Surrendered Life" a message was given in tongues and an interpretation followed. Because of the noise made by the rain on the tabernacle roof Brother Latimer was unable to deliver his message so an altar call was given and the saints were refreshed by a cloudburst of the latter rain.

Tuesday morning the students of the Bible Training School rendered a short program followed by a lecture by Brother J. H. Walker on the Bible School and its

great need in the world. We were made to see more than ever before the great value of the school to the church and her ministers. At 11:00 o'clock Brother Glendon Logsdon delivered a stirring message on "The Gospel of Good Salesmanship."

After the noon hour we again assembled at the tabernacle where we enjoyed two wonderful sermons by Brother Milton Sandberg and Brother David Boatwright. Brother Latimer's sermon that evening brought many souls to the altar seeking for a closer walk with God.

On Wednesday, after a goodly number of subscriptions were taken for the Evangel, Sister Helen Swanson spoke to us on "Words."

Wednesday afternoon we heard two good sermons — "Crying and Sighing in the Midst of Abominations" by Brother R. H. Klaudt and "The Transfiguration" by Brother Latimer. The evening service was one filled with power and victory. Brother Martin preached on "Does the Lord still Heal Today?" and Brother D. C. Boatwright delivered the sermon of the evening entitled "God's Time Piece." Hungry seekers filled the altar all desiring to draw closer to the Lord and be made ready for His Soon Coming.

The following morning Sister M. Teidman gave an appealing message on "The Bread of Life," followed by Sister Florence Bachman who spoke very inspirationally on "The Clay in The Hands of the Potter." Later our hearts were touched as Brother Latimer spoke to us so appealingly in behalf of the orphans. A collection was taken for their benefit amounting to \$31.00 and Brother Fyles gave an excellent address on "The Old Book-The Old Faith."

The evening was given over to a young people's service in which several good special songs were rendered and Sister Katherine Stromswald preached on "A Goal in Life." Brother J. H. Walker brought us the evening message.

The next forenoon there was a short service for the Germans in the German language. There was special singing and Brother Rosen brought the message. This was followed by two stirring sermons

"Prayer" by Sister Katherine Stromswald and "What shall I do with Jesus?" by Sister H. A. Saylor. At two o'clock we had the report of the churches with seventeen churches represented. We rejoiced as we learned of the progress of the church work in our district during the past year. During the healing service that evening, conducted by Brother Martin, Brother Fyles, and Brother Logsdon, many precious souls received a divine touch. Brother Brinsfield's sermon, "The Detriment of Sin to the Soul," caused the altar to be filled with many earnest seekers.

Saturday Brother Martin preached a very edifying sermon, "Is Soul Sleeping a Fallacy?" and Brother Fyles spoke on "The Grace of God." The Indian service was enjoyed by all in which Brother James Holding Eagle gave us an uplifting message and in the evening we listened to a sermon by Brother Boatwright, "The Unpardonable Sin."

The last day of the convention was one of great victory. Sister Saponas's enjoyable message, "How shall we Escape," was followed by another excellent sermon, "Watchman, What of the Night," by Brother Marvin Mortenson. At 2:00 p. m. Brother Paul Walker preached on the subject "Water Baptism" after which we gathered at the water's edge for a baptismal service. The last sermon of the convention was an outstanding one preached by Brother D. C. Boatwright. This was followed by a glorious altar service during which several received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

It was with regret that we bade one another good-bye until another convention hoping that we would all some day meet at the great General Assembly in the skies.

During this convention thirty souls received the blessed Baptism of the Holy Spirit, many were saved, and sanctified. More than thirty were baptized in water and a goodly number were added to the church. We all felt the joy of the Lord as this another assembly drew to a glorious close.

We wish to add here a few words in be-

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half of our state overseer, Brother Paul H. Walker. We certainly do appreciate his services and untiring efforts in behalf of God's cause, also Sister Walker who stands by in spite of all. We hope and pray that God's richest blessing will go with them wherever He calls them and we hope to have them back with us again next year. — Winnifred Stromswald & Edna Grove, clerks.

#### SPECIAL

MORO, Ark.—We began a revival at the Philip county line July 29 and it lasted four weeks. Six received the Holy Ghost, four or five were saved and sanctified, ten followed the Lord in water baptism, and twelve were added to the church. Brother J. B. Lindley did the baptizing. Brother L. G. Rouse, our district pastor, was with us one night. The preaching was done by W. D. Smith and the writer. We are beginning a revival eight miles west of Marianna on Highway No. 3 at S. S. Smith's store Saturday night, Sept. 9.—Yours for lost souls, R. H. Nance, Rt. 2, Box 82.

### DEATH NOTICES

#### McKENNEDY

Sister Bell McKennedy died Aug. 30, 1933. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God, Virda, Ky. by Frank Goodin, assisted by B. H. Enix of Wal-lins Creek, Ky.

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#### STEVENSON

Brother Fred Stevenson was born Mar. 22, 1901 and died Aug. 29, 1933, being thirty-two years, five months and seven days of age. He was a faithful Christian. Funeral was conducted by the writer, interment in Cedar Bluff cemetery.—A. J. Cox, Wilcoe, W. Va.

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#### HARTMAN

Sister Belle Hartman was born Aug. 18, 1869 and died July 20, 1933, being sixty-three years old. She was a member of the Church of God. Funeral was conducted by Brother Leroy Alderman, interment in Lake Wales cemetery.—Her daughter, Ila Belle Kelly, Lake Wales, Fla.

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#### JONES

Little Samuel Benard Jones, son of Sister Leola Jones of St. Petersburg, Fla., was born Feb. 3, 1933 and died Aug. 29, 1933, being six months and twenty-six days old. Funeral service was conducted by the writer, interment in Abbey cemetery at Safety Harbor, Fla.—E. L. Newton.

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#### BRAND

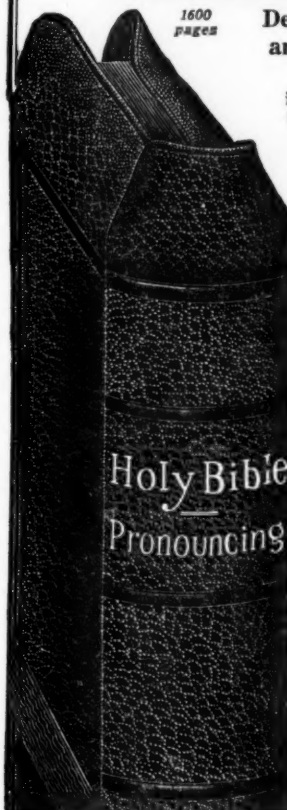
James McCarley Brand, age seventy-five years, died at Opekiska, W. Va. Aug. 23, 1933. He was a sincere Christian. Funeral services were conducted by Brother J. P. Keiffer, interment in Beechwood cemetery.—John Freeman Brand, Opekiska, W. Va.

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God hath wrought toward me.

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<sup>a</sup> ch. 2, 4; 6.  
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We had sunrise service each morning. There was large attendance at this service each time. We had Bible study each morning at eight o'clock. The Bible study was conducted by Brother S. J. Wood. Many subjects were taken up and discussed. Much good was derived from this study. We feel that this was one of the best features of the camp meeting. We also had service at ten and three o'clock each day.

One afternoon was given over to the young people. Sister R. P. Johnson gave a talk which was enjoyed very much by all present. Sister Iredell Walker is state superintendent of the Y. P. E. She surely has her heart in the work. She has been a great blessing to the young people in Texas this year.

The churches reported and each church had a good report to give. The work is moving forward in Texas. We believe every minister in the state was present at the camp meeting. Brother R. P. Johnson and family were with us throughout the entire camp meeting. God wonderfully used him in giving out the Word. He delivered several messages during the camp meeting. Each message was soul-inspiring. I am sure those who heard his wonderful message on "Church Government" were made to appreciate the Church of God more.

There were many able speakers on the program. We will not take space to mention the name of each but all were good, and each speaker seemed to be at his best. Our state overseer, Brother J. C. Coats, and wife are doing a great work in Texas. They are loved very much by every one. Love and unity prevailed throughout the entire camp meeting. It is remarkable how the people responded with their money to meet the expenses of the camp meeting.

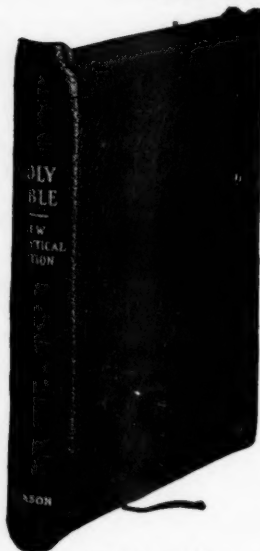
It was estimated by some that as many as four thousand were present at some of the night services. The large altar was filled with seekers each night. It was said by some that this was the best camp meeting they had had in several years. Others said it was the best they had ever had. We are sure that each one returned to their respective fields of labor to work with greater zeal and courage for the Master.—John E. Douglas, 106 Hanover St., Weatherford, Texas.

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